

8. (amended) The [A] hemostatic agent as set forth in Claim 7, wherein said oxyacid salt is taken from the group consisting of:

- alkali and alkaline salts;
- oxyacid salts of transition elements;
- halogen oxyacids; and
- alkali and alkaline oxides, peroxides and superoxides.

9. (amended) A hemostatic agent as set forth in Claim 7, wherein said hydrophilic proton donor [is taken from the group that] includes:

- a cation exchange resin;
- an acid producing salt; and
- an organic acid.

10. (amended) The [A] hemostatic agent as set forth in Claim 7, further comprising:

- a solid desiccant combined with said oxyacid salt and said hydrophilic proton donor material, said solid desiccant further accelerating blood clotting by absorbing water in the blood.

12. (amended) The [A] hemostatic agent as set forth in Claim 11, wherein said oxyacid salt is taken from the group consisting of:

- alkali and alkaline salts;
- oxyacid salts of transition elements;
- halogen oxyacids; and
- alkali and alkaline oxides, peroxides and superoxides.

13. (amended) The [A] hemostatic agent as set forth in Claim 12, wherein said hydrophilic polymer material [is taken from the group that] includes: